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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
David M. HARDIN, Jr., et. al. )  
Serial No. 10/719,764 ) Examiner: Kevin Thao Truong  
Filing Date: 11/21/2003 ) Group Art Unit No.: 3734  
For: LOOP TIP WIRE GUIDE ) Confirmation No. 3285

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114)**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants requests continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 CFR §1.114.

- Submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (*check at least one of the following*):
- Previously submitted:
- Applicants requests nonentry of any previously-filed unentered amendments.
- Please enter and consider the Amendment After Final Under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on 07/13/2007
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

- Attached is:
- An Information Disclosure Statement
  - An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings**
  - New Arguments and/or New Evidence in support of Patentability
  - Other: Petition and Fee for Extension of Time**
- Request for suspension of action:
- Applicant(s) hereby request suspension of action on the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; requires Processing Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(l)).
- Small Entity Status:
- Applicant(s) hereby asserts entitlement to claim small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.
  - A small entity statement or assertion of entitlement to claim small entity status was filed in prior application no.\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ and such status is still proper and desired.
  - Is no longer desired.
- Applicants calculate the following fees to be due in connection with this Request:
- A Request fee of \$810 under 37 CFR §1.17(e).**
  - A suspension processing fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR §1.17(l).
  - An additional filing fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR §1.16 (\_\_\_\_\_ additional independent claims and/or \_\_\_\_\_ additional total claims).
  - An extension fee of \$460 under 37 CFR §1.17(a) for a two-month extension of time. A Petition and Fee for Extension of Time is also enclosed.**
- Fee payment to cover the above-enumerated fee(s):
- A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
  - Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$1,270.**
  - The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE). A copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

October 16, 2007  
Date

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